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Centreville
Alameda Co. Cal.
Nov 28th 1899

Geo. E. Davenport
Dr Sir

I send enclosed 50cts for "Fern Catalogue" I also send by this mail the Ferns you ask for as I found but one plant of the form of Aspid. aculeatum and I have the same now in cultivation in my conservatory I could not send the roots with the specimen.

In relation to the Pteris tremula having been collected at Yosemite, a Mrs Tichenor of San Francisco says that during a visit to Yosemite some years ago she found the fern growing (I think in the mountains near the valley) and brought a root home with her, and has ever since cultivated it in her conservatory. several months ago she wrote an article for the California Horticulturist in which she described the fern under the

name of Cheilanthes Californica in which article also if I remember aright she speaks of its attaining a growth of two feet in heighth. this statement attracted the attention of Mr Merrill who wrote to the lady in relation to it. in the mean time she called at my house with an acquaintance, during my absence, and in looking over my dried ferns discovered that she had called her fern by a wrong name. but some time before she called on me I had noticed a fern growing in a greenhouse belonging to a neighbor of mine who informed me that it had been found growing in Yosemite I took a frond of it. and sent to Prof. Eaton who recognized it as Pteris hemula and wished me to obtain all the information I could in relation to it which I did & sent to him. my said neighbor is a relative of the lady who found the fern. and she had given the plant which I saw from off the original root brought down from the mountains. and my informant seemed to think that Mrs L. is perfectly reliable and not at all likely to make a mistake in the matter. So now you have about all I know in relation to it.

Have you any duplicate of the rarer ferns for exchange? I am in want of several species. Yours truly

Lorenzo G. Yates

[illegible] of the [illegible] Assoc. [illegible] collector for me in Alameda Co. Calif. Aug/79

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Centreville Alameda Co. Cal
January 7th 1880

Geo. E. Davenport Esq
My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th ult found me very busy closing up matters for the year, I think the matter of the P. tremulla is somewhat mixed, from what I know of the lady (which is very little) I do not think she is a person who could be depended upon in a question of that kind. I think she must have got the tremulla from some nursery and inadvertently got it mixed up with her Yosemite specimen.

I send herewith a list with such species as I have in my collection checked +, anything not thus checked that you may have to spare would

be valued and I will try to make you some returns in kind, or otherwise.

Plants for cultivation of any of the species not checked would be appreciated

Hoping to hear from you again I am

Very truly yours
Lorenzo G. Yates

P.S. I do not see how you & Prof. Eaton differ so much in the Aspidium aculeatum sent you as the fronds sent to both were gathered at the same time and from the same root, but "when Doctors disagree &c"

L. G. Y.

Centreville
Alameda Co. California
April 1st 1880

Mr Geo. E. Davenport
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 20th Inst came to hand some two or three days after the package of ferns were received. The latter got folded in two during the transit, and some of the specimens were badly broken particularly the Botrychiums. Am very much obliged for the specimens which were all desiderata, but regret the cause of your inability to send "some others".

Hope your eyes may be better, as they are invaluable adjuncts in the study of ferns

I have nothing of special interest to offer, what can I do for you in return for your favor?

Hope to get some ferns from Florida and from the southern part of this State before long, but may be disappointed as I have been before this.

Hoping to hear from you again I am

Very truly yours
Lorenzo G. Yates

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Santa Barbara Cal
Aug 11th 1886

Geo E. Davenport Esq
Dr Sir

I send to your address by this days mail copies of my Catalogue of "N. Am & Exotic Ferns" and enclose herewith List of Desiderata of N. Am. species. Can you help me to any of them?

I would like a full series of your "Fern Notes" if you have them at your disposal

Yours very truly
Lorenzo G. Yates

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Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec 13th 1888

Mr Geo. E. Davenport:
Medford, Mass.

My Dear Sir

Will you kindly send me any published articles or notes on Ferns which you have had published, or may be at your disposal,

also any facts, new discoveries, or changes in nomenclature which you may consider of sufficient importance to be noted in my new book,

I would also thank you for a list of your publications; for the same purpose together with any other matters of interest appertaining to the subject

Yours Very Truly
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Santa Barbara, Cal., March 24th 1889

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport
Medford, Mass.

My Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 16th inst. containing partial description of New Fern Asplenium Pringlei, Davenport. is just received and located in the ms of my book. Please advise me of the publication of this description so that I may give reference to same.

I have mislaid my copy of your pamphlet on "Ferns of North America" cannot imagine where it is. I had it filed away in a box with a number of other pamphlets and notes on N. Am Ferns. and some valuable letters. but the box has disappeared.

I have been very busy preparing "Synoptical Key" and new method of referring species to the same. and Bibliographical List. Hoping to receive notice of other new things, in time for my work. and thanking you for your kindness, I am

Yours very truly
Lorenzo G. Yates

Have you many Mexican Ferns to spare?

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Cor. Sec'y Santa Barbara Soc. Nat. History.

Carrillo House, Carrillo Street.

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Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 16th 1889

Mr Geo. L. Davenport

My Dear Sir

I am in a little trouble which I presume you can help me out of.

I have lost or mislaid my copy of your "Catalogue of the Davenport Herbarium", with my ms. notes. will you kindly send me another copy? and if it would not be asking too much I would like you to make additions in ms. of such new species & localities as would make it complete. I have forgotten the price of the Catalogue, or I would enclose the same, but if you can inform me of the price & I will remit on receipt

Yours faithfully
Lorenzo G. Yates

P. S. I have just discovered Polypodium Scouleri growing on Santa Cruz Island, the most southerly locality except on Guadeloupe Island (Dr. Palmer).

L. G. Y.

P. P. S. I sent you my photo. please exchange. I want to add yours to my Album of Fern Lovers

Ans ✓

Mr. L. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

I learned through Mrs Henry Gifford of Syracuse, that I could obtain a Piano Cabinet of you. I would be glad to have one, and will procure the lot at the price, if I stamp the price. If I have made a mistake as regards the price, please let me know and I will make it right. Please forward me 20 from at convenient rate of time.

Yours Truly

Jerome Gerrard.

Please direct to
Newark Harper Co.
New York.
Can E. H. Stuart.

Dec. 2nd 1883.

Mousline
Sun 2nd.

Hôtel de Bourgogne,
Boulogne

My dear Mr Bourgogne.

I am very sorry
whatever it is that may
you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

I had a collection of poems
we prepared for you this
morning, but were called
away. Hence it is now
the second [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I left

If you do not this [illegible]
[illegible] you will have [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Mr Darwin

[illegible] I have small hope of your getting this in time, yet upon the mere possibility I write.

I did not know until this afternoon what day I should [illegible], [illegible] I want to say that we will leave here at 3 o clock to-morrow afternoon and will be in Boston about 4.30 — to take the New England road for Washington at 6. P M

Could you meet me with the Lilys &c, at the Boston & Maine Depot? Or if that is asking too much will you send those plants by mail to me at Houston? But you know I want to see one who has been so kind

[illegible] aid in my botanical studies.

[illegible]

to read it when you do get it — that I may see you.

Today your friend [illegible] in great haste

[illegible]

Hamilton Mass 2 1861

Mr G Davenport
8 Hamilin Place
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

You remember Junius in one of his letters says injuries may be done not to be atoned for, but that an insult admits of no compensation. It degrades a man in his own respect & makes him [illegible] Will I felt [illegible] this fragment of the great Unknown, was, after I wrote my letter, to say — mistakes may be made & atoned for, but idiotic stupidity amidst of our opence — I had not dispatched my letter half an hour when I encountered Dr [illegible] & given you a signal by which you could recognise one, & of course feel the utter hopelessness of meeting you, long before I arrived at Boston.

Your packet of ~~[illegible]~~ lilys came safe to hand & were duly planted by us, & I

[illegible] great [illegible]
to keep dummies delight. How good
you are to me I wish I could repay
you in some way that would give you
pleasure. I have sent the yellow water
lily [illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible]

begonia & begonia that measure from
7 to 9 inches in diameter. Their leaves
are [illegible] very large, many the size
of [illegible] [illegible] them as the true Egyptian lotus.
I am disposed to think them merely the
product of our semi tropical clime – What
you like a root or two? I should be glad
to send them.

I have friends on the ~~[illegible]~~ Pacific
to whom I am going to write for the
chrysanthes, & any & every flower we
found there, & will write to the German
about the other you want –

My health continues so infirm, that
I dont know that I shall ever be able to
take up the pilgrims staff & go out
in search of specimens again – But I'll
try to interest others for your benefit.

I am getting a nice little pecuniary
[illegible] [illegible] you will come [illegible]
[illegible]

on supply or return the stamps. Now
say enough on your time & good health
without adding that does.

I'll send [illegible] I am
[illegible]
[illegible]

Mr. G. E. Dorsey Florence
8 Brazilian St.
Italy

Feb 5 1876

Dear Friend

I expected you long since. Since one up to the
beautiful of Naples & Vesuvius
I do believe I have had a
[illegible] for two days
that I might be perfectly alone
& [illegible]
[illegible] Sheet, I have received [illegible]
been demanded [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] this place [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a few [illegible] for you.
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] under pretense that he was
[illegible] a [illegible] for you
[illegible] I gave him [illegible]
[illegible] what he [illegible]
[illegible] remainder
[illegible] you [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] two [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of
[illegible] even.
[illegible] a [illegible] because
[illegible] you this fall. I had a [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] growing
plants of [illegible] and [illegible]
a chemical [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
but also the [illegible] in the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mr Davenport

[illegible]

[illegible] get the time to
[illegible]

Houston
April 23d

Mr George Davenport
8 Hamilton Place
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of writing to you. The ferns you so kindly sent me are begining to show their pretty fronds, & I feel fresh emotions of gratitude to you every time I look at them. My sister is now so much better & is now in San Antonio where I hope to join her in a few weeks.

I send you by this mail some

Adiantum (Maidens Hair) that I got a few days ago from the same locality I observed them in last fall, that I then wrote to you about.
Examining them now, I think they are the same as those specimens I sent you from San Antonio & also from Austin -
I think perhaps it was the season of the year (late in the fall) that made them look different from any I had previously observed.
I am glad the little Hemecis fern, (the Cheilanthes) grew. I will try & get you more & better specimens when I go west - as I hope to spend a long time as far as Chaffin ville & the Hemecis.
There are some peculiar and interesting Euphorbias out there which I hope to secure. One especially as beautiful as the Euphorbia, E Pulcherrima.
I shall be very glad if you can send me more ferns & my ferneries. I am quite daft over the pleasure of raising ferns. They are so beautiful, & repay so splendidly the trouble one may take in their culture.
My long confinement to my home, cut off as I have been from all sorts of botanizing excursions, has thrown me upon the simple pleasure of cultivating plants, & has awakened a desire in me to commence a botanical garden, devoted to the introduction & culture of Texas plants, whether I shall ever be able to carry it out or no I cant tell. But every age has its Castle building, this is mine

now.

With assurances of esteem that makes it seem impossible that I do not know your personally (I always speak of you as — my friend Sandwich) I remain

Very truly &c

M J Young

Mr George Davenport
8 Mumillin Place.
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

I have one single plant of the chrysanthemum which I have been coaxing into leaf for you – It had died down when I received your letter, asking for a specimen for the engraver – & I feared to send the root on, lest it should perish in the way, & we should have nothing left for our pains – In the course of a fortnight I shall take this up & press & dry it & send it on, if it will be in time for your purpose – Please let me know immediately – for unless it will – I shall not sacrifice it, but try & grow more from it – I discovered something

concerning it that I dont think I told you – It is sensitive, as much so as the mimosa – It is quite beautiful to watch its delicate folding up at a touch; or a too rude dashing of water over its beautiful fronds –

This winter has been passed as the last three or four – in the sick room – for several weeks I have not had a moment to write you this note, which I have been so anxious to do – & now I am half crazy with fatigue & nervousness engendered by loss of sleep & anxiety of mind, But thank God all is health & serenity again –

Very truly your friend
M J Spring

March 8th
1898

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Dover N H 1886
Sept 17th

Mr George Davenport
8 Hamilton Place
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

It was rather a coincidence, one that our quasi scientific friends, the biologists, would call an electro-psychological attraction; that I was lying down, thinking, that as soon as I felt strong enough to get up would I would drop you a line, which thus thinking, my mail from home was brought in, & opening a letter from my son, your letter (which he had inclosed) dropped out.

I should have sent you those poems long ago, but for my continued illness, which does so soon as I return home which will be now in the course of a week or ten days. The Nemesis poem I am ordinary tea saucer – such as grow in our southern ponds & lagoons – but that is about all I have in my aquarium, besides a few native fish, silver eels & black cat! Quite a fancy collection is it it?

If I stop a day in Boston as I go through which at present is my intention, I shall certainly find 8 Hamilton Place –

If you can drop me a note here & answer some of the many questions I have propounded I shall be very much obliged.

Your requests shall be attended to, as soon as I get home

Truly yours
M J Young

depending on getting from a friend out there who promised to send it to me from Cañon Ovalde the only place where I know it grows - the ache is plentiful on the Colorado & in our gardens at home.

I had so hoped to have met you while North. But I was so ill that I made no stop in Boston but went immediately to my friends J W Rice's near Topsfield & remained there till getting a little strong I came on here where I am visiting his sister Mrs B F Vittum of Dover.

I have done no botanizing for a long long time in consequence of a low state of nervous prostration, of which however I am much better. But I have not been able to carry out a little plan I had hoped to accomplish - making a collection of ferns (roots) to take back for my fern garden at home - We have now water works in our city, & I have a large aquarium, dug in the earth, bricked & cemented, where I am growing aquatic plants - & have a fountain which I can convert into spray at my pleasure, & a magnificent tree of ample proportions & dense shade - of course Mother Nature down there is generous with her heat - just fitted for fern growing - I am so disappointed about my ferns as a child over a broken toy - Do you know where I can get in Boston any pretty aquatic plants, & where I could get some gold & silver fish? I have a few gold fish but like Olivia Twist I want "more"

I am just crazy for roots of the pink & blue water (or pond) lily. Where are they obtained?

I have our own Nymphæa odorata the very large kind, leaves fort & half in diameter & the flower as large as an